

CUTRAGE AT WASHINGTON—

MR. GIDDINGS' RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions were offered in the House of Representatives on Monday by Mr. Giddings:

Whereas, it is represented that on Friday last, three armed persons engaged in the internal slave trade, entered a dwelling in this city, and violently seized a colored man, employed as a waiter in the boarding house of several members of this body, and in the presence of his wife, gagged him, placed him in irons, and with loaded pistols forced him into one of the slave prisons of this city, from which, it is reported, he was never released; and that the slave market of New Orleans.

And whereas said colored man had been employed in said boarding house for several years, had become well and favorably known to members of this House, had no relatives in this city, and, under a contract to purchase his freedom for the sum of \$3000, had by great industry paid that sum within about 8000.

And whereas negroes like the foregoing have been of common occurrence in this District, and are sanctioned by the laws of Congress, and are extremely popular in many of the members of this House, as well as themselves inhuman. Therefore,

Resolved.—That a select Committee of five members be appointed to inquire into and report upon the facts aforesaid, also as to the propriety of repealing such acts of Congress as sustain or authorize the slave trade in this District, for to remove the seal of Government to some Free State.

The resolutions were modified by Mr. Giddings by adding to the preamble the words, included in brackets in the last resolution. A motion to lay the resolutions on the table was carried—yeas 94, nays 88.

Correspondence of the Boston Atlas.

WESBURN, Jan. 21st, 1848.

This was private holiday—but nevertheless we had a great debate. The House went into Committee of the whole—Mr. Schenck, of Ohio, in the chair. The bill which led to debate was one to grant a pension to Mrs. Brown, the step-mother of Miss Brown, who fell in the fortion the Ricardos opposite Matamoras. Among those who advocated the bill, with great force and eloquence, were Messrs. King and Rockwell, of Mass., Boylston, of N. Y., and Tallmadge of N. Y. The bill was opposed by Atchinson of Va. and two or three other Long Fists. The speech of Mr. Boyden was one of the best made that session. It was his first effort in the House and it was a most signal triumph. He replied particularly to Atchinson of Va. and he brought that gentleman to his feet a dozen times in half an hour, so strong and pungent was the reply. Mr. Boyden said he would vote a pension to every man, woman, and child whose means of living had been cut off in consequence of this war—He said the Democracy were willing to vote money to any amount asked for by the Executive to carry on this war, and to make widows and orphans—kill, slay and destroy—but they would refuse to vote even an humble pittance to those women and children whose means of support were cut off in consequence of it. Mr. Boyden asked Atchinson if he was ready to vote a direct tax upon the people of this country to carry on a war for the conquest of Mexico. Atchinson evaded the question, and said he would vote for a direct tax to maintain the honor and Constitution of the country—Maintain the honor and Constitution of the country? Why, said Mr. Boyden, have we not got the people of Mexico, now prostate, bleeding at every pore of her heart, lying at our feet? It is for the "cause" of this country to prosecute the war further. On the mateiral point of taxation, and as for the "Constitution" under the present dynasty, we have no Constitution. The President of the Constitution, and he usurps all power. He levies taxes, he makes war, he does every thing, and he will not even allow the representatives of the people to question him, and as for the defense of the country, when we have attacked it, who fears invasion from Mexico? Mr. McLane, of Maryland, interposed and asked him if he would not vote for men to sustain our army now in Mexico. Mr. Boyden said he would vote what was necessary for the men now there, but he thought no more were necessary—he would not give a man a dollar to conquer or enslave that nation.

So said Mr. Boyden, the Maryland gentleman from Maryland, that he can hunting the nation any longer with this crew of mere men being unable to sustain our forces already there! He went on, coming and going, at one moment commanding the House in a roar of laughter, and at the next commanding almost breathless silence. It was a capital speech, and was the better because it was well planned and unpremeditated. Mr. B. will take high rank among the Whigs of the House. He is a Marylander, and was born in one of the towns on the Chesapeake Bay.

After he concluded, Mr. Tallmadge of N. Y. spoke ably and tense at the fall. At 3 o'clock the Committee rose, and the House adjourned.

The Senate was in session only a few minutes today.

W. S.

STEAMBOAT DISASTERS.

Description of the Disaster. We learn from the St. Louis Review that Captain Thomas, Capt. Phil. L. Easton, left on Wednesday evening, while running near Jones Ferry, at Twelve Mile Island, in the Mississippi. This steamer disengaged suddenly, careened rapidly, and impinged upon the bank. The citizens of Washington have held a meeting preparatory to giving Mr. Gay a public dinner.

Eric Clegg in the Senate today, in reply to a question by Mr. Crittenden, stated positively that Gen. Scott will soon be superseded, while the deck crew escaped with slight injury. Five persons were killed. Mr. Hatch of Alton, Mr. Edwards, Elmer, and Mr. Weller of Washington, all perished. Eric Clegg, a young man of 18, a son of Capt. and Mrs. Clegg, of Alton, Illinois, was one of the deck passengers and officers, who were partially injured, while the deck crew escaped with slight injury. Five persons were killed. Mr. Hatch of Alton, Mr. Edwards, Elmer, and Mr. Weller of Washington, all perished. Eric Clegg, a young man of 18, a son of Capt. and Mrs. Clegg, of Alton, Illinois, was one of the deck passengers and officers, who were partially injured, while the deck crew escaped with slight injury. Five persons were killed. Mr. Hatch of Alton, Mr. Edwards, Elmer, and Mr. Weller of Washington, all perished. 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